

Draft Note of Meeting with Link on Health – Sylvan House, Edinburgh, 25th March 2009

Present

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Topics Discussed

- SNH draft policy statement on health and the natural heritage
- Important links to other policy areas/local authorities – schools, allotments, sport and leisure, transport
- Establishing relationships with the health sector (NHS Health Scotland, Health Boards, GPs, Cardiologists, environment and health NGOs, COSLA, Volunteering Health Scotland)
- Link's role (tapping the potential enthusiasm of medical members and contacts; developing case studies/personal stories; advocacy with Ministers, MSPs; links to health NGOs; projects to support participation)
- Main streaming 'green prescription'

Actions proposed

1. Joint SNH-Link meetings with Royal College of GPs and Scottish Cardiological Society – HZ to investigate and suggest contacts for SNH
2. SNH to map existing green prescription activity – health gyms, health walks, garden projects etc – and scope development of green prescription pilots with 'warm' GPs and practice nurses
3. SNH/Link to identify 'warm' GP/practice nurses to engage in pilots
4. SNH to share developing work on key messages with Link being developed with FCS and NHS HS as part of the green exercise partnership
5. SNH/Link to consider holding a SGP event on health and the natural heritage bringing together health and environment NGOs, health professionals and local authorities

Next meeting

17th September 2009 , location tbc

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